

IN THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) Halogen-free, flame-retardant composition comprising at least either (1) or (1') below:

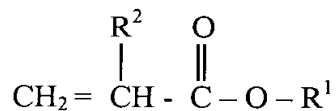
(1) an organic phosphorous compound (A), and melamine or a compound derived from melamine (B), or

(1') a melamine-phosphorous compound (AB),  
and further comprising

(2) a polymer ~~compound~~ (C) comprising at least one type of olefin monomer having 2-12 carbon atoms and

(3) 0.1-30 weight % relative to the weight of the polymer ~~compound~~ (C) of at least one ~~compound~~ comonomer containing acid, acid anhydride or epoxy groups.

2. (Previously amended) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein the component (C) is a polymer obtained by copolymerizing E, X and Y compounds, wherein E is ethylene, X is a compound having the formula



where

R<sup>1</sup> = alkyl radical having 1-8 carbon atoms

R<sup>2</sup> = H, CH<sub>3</sub> or C<sub>2</sub>H<sub>5</sub>

and Y is glycidyl (alkyl)acrylate.

3. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/acrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate, ethylene/acrylic ester/maleic anhydride, ethylene/glycidyl methacrylate, ~~ethylene/methacrylic acid~~ ethylene/methacrylic acid, propylene/maleic anhydride or propylene/acrylic acid polymer.

4. (Previously Amended) Composition according to Claim 3, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/acrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate terpolymer.

5. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 4, wherein said component (C) is an ~~ethylene/methylmethacrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate~~  
ethylene/methylacrylate/glycidyl methacrylate terpolymer.

6. (Previously Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, wherein said component (C) is an ethylene/alpha-olefin copolymer modified with maleic anhydride.

7. (Currently Amended) Composition according to Claim 1, ~~comprising~~  
wherein the organic phosphorous ~~component compound~~ (A) or the melamine-phosphorous compound (AB) ~~selected from~~ is a phosphate, a phosphinate ~~and~~ or a phosphonate.

8. (Previously Amended) Composition according to Claim 7, wherein the ~~component compound~~ (B) or (AB) is ~~selected from~~ melamine, melamine cyanurate, melamine phosphate, melam, melem ~~and mixtures or mixture~~ thereof.

9. (Previously Amended) Polycondensate composition comprising the flame retardant composition according to Claim 1, and further comprising a polyester or polyamide.

10. (Previously Amended) Polycondensate composition according to Claim 9, comprising a polyester selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, polyethylene naphthalate, polyphenylene terephthalate, and polybutylene naphthalate.

11. (Previously Amended) Polycondensate composition according to Claim 9, comprising a polyamide selected from the group consisting of polyamide-6, polyamide-6,6, and polyamide-4,6.

12. (Currently Amended) Polycondensate composition according to Claim 9 further comprising an ~~organic~~ inorganic filler.

13. (Currently Amended) Polycondensate composition according to Claim 12, wherein the inorganic filler is glass ~~fiber~~ fiber.

14. (Currently Amended) Polyester composition comprising at least:

- an organic phosphate or phosphonate; or
- melamine cyanurate, melamine phosphate, melam, melem, or mixtures thereof; and further comprising

- an ethylene/acrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate polymer;
  - glass ~~fibres~~ fibers; and
  - a polyester selected from the group consisting of polyethylene terephthalate, polybutylene terephthalate, polyethylene naphthalate, polyphenylene terephthalate, and polybutylene naphthalate.
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15. (Currently Amended) Polyester composition comprising at least:
- an organic phosphate or phosphonate; or
  - melamine cyanurate, melamine phosphate, melam, melem, or mixtures thereof; and further comprising
  - an ethylene/acrylic ester/glycidyl methacrylate polymer; glass ~~fibres~~ fibers; and

a polyamide selected from the group consisting of polyamide-6, polyamide-6,6, and polyamide-4,6.

16. (Previously canceled)

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